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FERESA INTERMEDIA (GRAY) PREOCCUPIED

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The specific name Feresa intermedia (Gray) was originally proposed as Delphinus intermedius Gray (Phil. Mag., ser. 2, 2:376, November, 1827), which is a junior primary homonym of Delphinus intermedius Harlan (Jour. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, 6:51, June, 1827). To our knowledge, Feresa intermedia has no synonyms, either objective or subjective (Feresa attenuata Gray, 1875, the only other species of the genus, was considered a synonym of F. intermedia by True, Bull. U. S. Nat. Mus., 36:107, 1889; F. attenuata, however, is regarded as a distinct species by Yamada, Scientific Repts. Whales Research Inst., 9:59-88, 1954). Therefore, we propose the name Feresa occulta for this rare delphinid.

Delphinus intermedius Harlan is currently regarded as a synonym of Globicephala melaena (Traill, 1809). Transmitted May 10, 1956.

